landing facilities and enable landing of boeing aircraft at these airports; airports;

(b) if so, what is the stage of their implementation; and

(c) what is the target date to complete the expansion work?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The National Airports Authority (NAA) has drawn up plans for the upgradation of the Tirupati and Vijayawada airports for Boeing-737 operations. But due to paucity of resources with the National Airports Authority, it has not been found possible to take up these projects so far.

Andhra Pradesh Government proposal for tourism development

986. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATON AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals for tourism development from Government of Andhra Pradesh are pending with the Central Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the stage of consideration of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) For the year 1991-92, three schemes for tourist accommodation are under consideration with the Central Government. The State Government has been requested to furnish environmental clearances for these schemes.

Drilling operations in Krishna and Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh

987. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has started drilling operations in Guntur and Krishna Districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, with what effect; and

(c) what steps are being taken to exploit the oil and gas reserves in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Hydrocarbons have been discovered in five prospects in Krishna District. Two wells have been put on production.

Proposals for setting up Gas Based Power Stations in Maharashtra

988. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in accordance with the annual power survey done recently by the Central Electricity Authority a shortage of 1100 MW has been estimated by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Maharashtra has submitted proposals to the Central Government for setting up of gas based power stations in the State;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what are the places identified for setting up of these power stations and by when approval to the proposals is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir. The Fourteenth Electric Power Survey Report submitted to the Government of India during March, 1991 which is the latest survey, does not indicate the details of surplus/deficit for the Seventh plan end.

(b) to (d) The following proposals of Maharashtra State Electricity Board for setting up of gas based power plants in Maharashtra have been received in Central Electricity Authority:

Sl. No.	Name of Gas based power station, capacity (MW) and location	Date of receipt	Present status
1	Dabhol GTCC 760 MW, District Ratnagiri	March, 1989	Inputs such as fuel linkage, environmental clearance, water availability and compliance under Section 29 of ES Act are required to be tied up before the schemes are appraised in CEA.
2	Nagothane GTCC 820 MW, District Raigad	Sept., 1990	
3	Thakurli GTCC 410 MW, Near Kalyan Town	January, 1991	The proposal is not being pursued in CEA on the ground that the plant should be put up by the Railways as most of the energey generated out of the proposed plant will be used by them.

Thermal Power Stations in Maharashtra

989. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of project proposals for setting up of thermal power stations submitted by the Maharashtra State Electricity Board which are awaiting sanction from the Central Government;

(b) what are the details of the projects with dates of submission to the Central Government and capacity of each thermal power station; and

(c) by when the Central Government is likely to give its approval in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The following thermal power schemes in respect of Maharashtra State Electricity Board are under various stages of examinnation in CEA in consultation with other concerned agencies:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme and capacity	Date of receipt
1	Parli 'C' TPS Unit No. 6 & 7×2X210 MW	March, 1986
2	Dabhol GTCC TPS 760 MW (4x120 MW MT+2x140 MW ST)	March, 1989
3	Nagothane GTCC TPS 820 MW (4x130 MW GT+2x150 MW ST)	September, 1990

Some of the necessary inputs such as fuel linkage, water availability, environmental clearance, clearance from National Airports Authority and compliance under Section 29 of ES Act, 1948 are required to be tied up before the schemes could be appraised in CEA.